CoE of GSM and CDMA operators

458. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GSM operators are not using the scare spectrum efficiently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government against GSM operators; and

(c) the latest Calculation of Efficiency (CoE) of GSM and CDMA operators derived on the basis of subscribers and MHz?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The initial spectrum is being allotted to the GSM operators in accordance with the relevant provisions of their respective Service License Agreements.

Further, in order to ensure optimal and efficient use of allotted spectrum, necessary criteria for allotment of additional spectrum beyond the initial allotment, had been worked out. The revised criteria prescribe "Active Subscribers" and "Peak traffic" averaged over a month in the Visitor Locator Register (VLR) and Network Management System (NMS) respectively, as criteria for allotment of additional spectrum.

Upgradation of postal network

459. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Postal Department strongly needs to enhance its technology to compete with the private players;

(b) if so, the details/proposals put forward by the Department of Posts to Government;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has so far considered any proposals for inclusion in the Eleventh Five Year Plan in this regard; and

(d) if so, the likely amount of investment required for technology upgradation for postal network with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department has proposed to take up a number of technological improvements in the Eleventh Five Year Plan to improve the quality of services. Amongst them, important proposals are, to computerize all the Departmental Post Offices and sixty four thousand Extra Departmental Post Offices, setting up Automatic Mail Processing Centre and Anywhere Anytime Banking.